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SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 1865.

WHAT WE NEED.

A series of articles, published in this paper for weeks past, under the title of "Plumas County, its Wealth and its Wants," has given to its readers a vast amount of information respecting the wealth of our county, in its veins of minerals, and slightly shadowed forth our "wants." That we have the mineral wealth, all admit. That we only need awakening from our lethargy, is a patent fact. We must have capital to develop our hidden treasure. We must have energy, directed by capital, to accomplish this. We possess through our borders the only feasible route for a Pacific R. R., and yet with all the elements of a mighty future laying before us, we stand on the edge of success, too lazy to stretch forth our hand and grasp it; too enervated to work for it; and while all the rest of the world feel the impetus of steam and the electric thrill of the telegraph, we sit supinely by—no further advanced in those arts that have made the present, the century of progress, than our fathers to whom those arts were unknown.

Some of our citizens feel the need of a new administration; some of them are willing, but don't know how to accomplish the great result; and some (and we believe a far greater number) are perfect Rip Vanwinkles, who do not realize the importance of steam and lightning. And unless we do something to arouse this utter feeling of stagnation, our children will wake up one of these days to find that the world has moved ahead fifty years, while we have been napping. Scarcely a year passes without some effort on the part of a few to initiate some reform. But the effort is generally spasmodic, and soon dies away, leaving the next sensation to come with less hope for fulfillment.

"What we need," is a sure and safe road to give us connection with the *inside* world, (for we are certainly on the *outside*), and believing this to be the forerunner to "the good time coming," it is well to stop and count the cost, to find out whether it will pay; and we ask our readers, who can do a simple sum in addition, to figure up the increase in value of our taxable property, which would result from the building of a good road, and then strike his balance. In our judgment, if the county were to invest the sum of \$20,000 toward building a road, it would be a more profitable investment, than the same amount expended in a court house and jail; and we believe that sum would finish and complete a first-class, safe road, to connect us with the first-class turnpike road running down the divide between Middle Feather and State Creek, and through the towns of La Porte and Gibsonville, via the Woodville House to Oroville.

We know that many prefer a road following either the middle or north fork of Feather River to Oroville, to keep below the line of deep snow. So do we; but at present, in our judgment, a road cannot be built down either of these branches for a less sum than \$300,000, which would hopelessly bankrupt any county with taxable property of little over a million. It would cost this county, to build such a road as this, one third of her whole property; and to pay interest, at 10 per cent, on this amount, would swamp us financially; but we could afford to pay 10 per cent. interest on \$20,000, and redeem the bonds in 15 years, without any increase of taxation of five years.

With this sum, a road could be completed to the county line, somewhere near Onion Valley, and finish the road to Indian Valley. This would do for the present, and when we get stronger, we could undertake larger burdens.

As we are situated now, we pay 2½ per cent. State and County taxes, and have no improvements, save and except 7 by 9 bridges, which are built for private enterprise, and which costs a man half the price of a dinner to cross. We cannot get out of the county, or into it, without paying enormously for the privilege of passing over horrible roads, unless we "break the road" through snow in the Winter season, when our toll gatherers' "pass us," without demand for toll, and in this respect, we feel like one who used to say, "Our sufferings are intolerable."

We believe, if a bill were passed this session, authorizing the county to issue bonds to the amount of \$20,000, to complete the road between this place and Indian Valley, and open up a connection with the La Porte road, it would more than pay for itself because the bonds would become due in the course of our taxable property in the county.

One thing is certain, if we do not do something to get us nearer the outer world, all drive capital away from us, and of enterprise, instead of expending energy within our borders, will hunt channels for outlet.

Our voice is for the road we have decided first, and when we have secured a check for any other public enterprise which we can afford, and while we will gain public benefit. Next week, we shall give details at length on the proposition for issuing bonds in the sum of \$10,000, to a road down one or the other of the forks of Feather River.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR RHUMATISM, HALL'S SARSAPARILLA, VINEGAR AND RUDDE OF POTAS.

[Correspondence.]

LETTER FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan'y 9, 1865.
DEAR UNION.—The appearance of the hills across the Bay, which were covered with snow this morning, (something very unusual), serves to remind us that this is the harvest season for snow in the mountains, and that it is time we were starting on the back track, unless we intend to spend the balance of the winter below the snow belt. Having no such intentions, we shall leave this, the metropolis of the Pacific Coast, tomorrow—stop a few days at Sacramento, and then get home the best way we can. As this will be my last letter from this city, I shall be obliged to "condense my remarks" on some of the different "objects of interest" which have attracted my attention, and of which I intended to write at some length, and to pass others by without a notice.

This morning I expected to receive some letters and papers from home, and for that purpose, I called at

THE POST OFFICE.

When I went up to the "K" box, I looked through the open window and saw a chap sitting on a chair engaged in the pleasurable pastime of reading a newspaper. I inquired for letters or papers, and the clerk, without rising from his seat, or hardly stopping from reading the paper, replied, informed me that the past month has been the poorest season for amusements that San Francisco has seen for several years, and that during the poor season, the "beet jerkers" have drawn the largest crowds.

BRIEF MENTION.

Of the improvements going on in this city, it is useless for me to speak, much more to particularize. There is not a street, possibly not a square, upon which there is not more or less improvement being made. I think that portion of the city lying toward the Mission and Lone Mountain is growing more rapidly than any other section, and, were it not for the uncertainty of title to real estate, it would be a short time before vacant lots, in that locality, would be hard to find. Cars run through all of the principal streets, and from the manner in which they are patronized, should judge that the S. F. people consider them great *labor saving* institutions. Every car that passes, carries a good complement of passengers; they are never full, that is an impossibility, there is always room for one more.

At the present time, there is not a great amount of shipping in the harbor; but, with steamboats,erry boats, tugs, sailing vessels, the bay presents a lively appearance. A stranger, in San Francisco, can never know, of his own knowledge, whether business is dull or lively. It always looks lively to him. I am informed that it is rather dull, here, at present; if such is the case, I should like to stop here a few days, just for curiosity's sake, when it is considered *lively* by the merchants on Front street. Several of the notable "institutions" of San Francisco have been pointed out to me—Emperor Norton, the Ranger, Dr. —, Col. —, &c., &c., all of whom are subjects for Jimp's caricatures. But I must stop,—and will do so, after briefly alluding to

THE FUTURE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Probably no city in the world has greater natural advantages, (baring earthquakes) than San Francisco. Her citizens are enterprising, her harbor is commodious, and her brilliant past is a warrant for her still more brilliant future. Surmounting conflagration after conflagration, and with indomitable will, overcoming all obstacles in the way of her progress, she is bound to advance with the pace of a giant, and, but a few years will elapse, San Francisco, in wealth, size, business and population, will rank second, only, to New York, when compared with other cities of the United States. When the Pacific Railroad is completed, she will sit at the toll-gates at the gates of Commerce. Her work-shops will supply the continents bordering on, and the islands in the Pacific ocean. Her ships will whiten every sea, and the whole commercial world will pay her tribute. She will be the realization of the ancient dream of that city, whose smile will bring peace and whose frown will bring war. Nothing, save the will of the Almighty, can retard the growth of San Francisco. She is, and ever will be, the great commercial metropolis of the Pacific.

Yours, K.

The present Pope is the youngest of three living brothers. His eldest brother, Count Gabriel, is 84 years of age; and the next, Count Gaetan, 80; he has one sister, the Countess Benigni, a vigorous old lady, 77 years of age. Count Jerome, his father, died at 84 years; and the Countess Catherine, his mother, at 82. Finally, Count Hercules, his grandfather, lived to the patriarchal age of 96.

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SAC. CITY, Jan. 11, 1865.

DEAR UNION.—A stranger to this city, light on it during these days, and he would be led to the conclusion that California is the big State in the Union of these States; that the Legislature is the big thing of the State, and that the democratic element in the Legislature, is the owner of this big thing. Every day, as regular as it rolls round, some Constitutional customer, with democratic antecedents, moves some trap-trap resolution about national policy, and with adroit management they bother the Union members wonderfully. In fact, it seems that they force themselves, by sheer impudence, into the lead of every question, endorsing that "boorish tailor" and "son of a goose," that "renegade to the South," &c., &c., which comes up. The gross of hypocrites is so thin that they do not care to conceal it; and many are the hearty laughs enjoyed by the gentleman from — county, with his compeer from — county, and broad jokes are passed at the Magnolia about "how we cornered the Union chaps." One of them will introduce a resolution, endorsing "our able and honest Executive, Andy Johnson," that "his views on the great question of reconstruction meet with our hearty approbation," &c., &c. Of course it is referred to the Committee on National Affairs, or Federal Relations, and sleeps the sleep that knows no waking. But when anything practical comes before the solons, which can give any legal effect to what Andy favors, then the boot is on the other leg, and many are the Constitutional objections raised to voting ay.

I was about to say that, almost without exception, the Democrats in both bodies are hounds of the first water, and with this one penchant to steal Union thunder, I think I may safely say so. But on some other questions, there are exceptions. That they are acting in concert on this point, is becoming so apparent, that the "previous question" is almost invariably resorted to, when the well-known member from — says "a resolution." I am no politician, dear UNION, but I think there should be a limit to democratic impudence; for instance, on the resolutions asking for the trial of Jeff. Davis, "Billy" Long favored them, believing that, although he was called a Copperhead of the w^o kind, "treason is a crime of the highest kind," & if convicted, should be punished as provided by law. But before the resolution went to final passage, it was amended by asking that he be brought to trial speedily before a civil or military tribunal, on which Billy changed front, and said that that altered the case—that he should have voted for the original, because, then, Jeff. would be tried by a jury of his peers at Richmond; but he was opposed to any Mr. Surratt murders. As long as Jeff.'s acquittal was almost a certainty through the quirks of a jury trial, Long was willing. But when the military were to step in and make of this "great sedition," a military despotism, he was "agin" it. And so it is with all of them. They were opposed to the war—they are opposed to the result of the war, unless it shall result in the restoration of the Democratic party to power. But pardon this digression from the routine of a letter; but as I listened to "little Billy," as his friends here affectionately call him, I was forcibly reminded of Sandy's somewhat profane exclamation of "suing the devil and trying him in hell!"

I have strongly thought of preparing a book, to be entitled, "Double Bee's Ninety Days in the California Legislature," in imitation of Benton's "Thirty Years' Review" of the U. S. Senate—for there is plenty of material to make an interesting volume on the subject. In the two bodies there are several *notables*, and on the outskirts there are several who, although not in it, are "on it," and to take almost any bill in which special legislation is sought, and trace it from its inception to its completion, would prove as interesting to the general reader as a novel. Ah, my dear old mountain friends, it would sit well with the continents bordering on, and the islands in the Pacific ocean. Her ships will whiten every sea, and the whole commercial world will pay her tribute. She will be the realization of the ancient dream of that city, whose smile will bring peace and whose frown will bring war. Nothing, save the will of the Almighty, can retard the growth of San Francisco. She is, and ever will be, the great commercial metropolis of the Pacific.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

HIGH WATER.—All the creeks in this vicinity are greatly swollen by the late rains. Bridges have been washed away, the roads damaged, fences destroyed, and all communication with certain portions of the country cut off.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday of last week, a man named James Colby, fell backward from the car track of the Eagle Company's claim at Sawpit Flat, and injured himself so severely that he died on the following Friday. The deceased was about fifty years of age, and had resided in that locality for several years.

NARROW ESCAPE.—One day last week, Mr. J.

Blood of Indian Valley, attempted to cross Indian Creek, near the head of the canon, on a raft. The current was so strong that he could not cross, but was carried some distance down the creek toward the falls. Fortunately, the raft drifted near a point of land, and Mr. J. Blood jumped from the raft, and saved himself from going over the riffle.

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday of last week, Chas. Nelson, formerly an express carrier from La Porte, was injured, while at work in the Monitor claims at Sawpit Flat, by a cave. His head and neck were badly bruised, but his injuries are not considered to be dangerous.

P. S. Since the above was written, we learn that Mr. Nelson died on Saturday night last. The injuries received, were of a more serious character than it was, at first, supposed.

PAID UP.—On Tuesday last, Ben. Payne, Acting Constable arrived in Quincy with a couple of Chinamen, who were arrested at Indian Valley, the day before, on a charge of assault, and battery. They had an examination before Esq. Hayden, and were fined fifty dollars, or twenty-five days' imprisonment in the County Jail. The Chinamen preferred going to jail, by a cave. His head and neck were badly bruised, but his injuries are not considered to be dangerous.

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